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1. ALL MAJOR AUGUST 16 TURKISH DAILIES HEADLINE HOUSE-
SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ACTION ON EMBARGO, WITH FOUR
OUT OF FIVE TAKING DECIDEDLY MORE CRITICAL APPROACH TO
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FINAL TEXT THAN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT REACTION (SEPTTEL).

2. INDEPENDENT "HURRIYET" HEADLINES THAT AMERICA EXPECTS
GOODWILL FROM TURKEY, ALTHOUGH CONDITIONS NOT LESSENED
AND A SUB-CAPTION NOTES THAT "WE MAY NOT OPEN FOUR
BASES." PRO-GOVERNMENT "MILLIYET" STICKS CLOSE TO
OFFICIAL MFA LINE IN ITS STORY, WHILE LEFTIST

"CUMHURİYET", AS WELL AS CONSERVATIVE "TERCUMAN," SELECTIVELY FEATURE MFA STATEMENT THAT "CONFERENCE DECISION HAS NEGATIVE ASPECTS. "ACCOMPANYING ARTICLES CARRY FULL MFA TEXT AND COMPLETE HOUSE-SENATE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE REPORT. SENSATIONALIST "GÜNAYDIN" HEADLINES THAT "CONDITIONS HARSHER THAN EMBARGO ITSELF."

3. ALL MAJOR PAPERS CARRY JUSTICE PARTY LEADER DEMİREL'S COMMENTS THAT CONGRESSIONAL DECISION WAS NOT CONSTRUCTIVE ONE AND THAT LINKING REMOVAL OF EMBARGO TO NEW CONDITIONS MEANS IN EFFECT THAT EMBARGO CONTINUES. DEMİREL TERMS HOUSE-SENATE CONDITIONS "FLAGRANT FORM OF PRESSURE" AND "NOT A FRIENDLY ACTION." JP SENATOR KAMRAN İNAN IS QUOTED TO EFFECT THAT "EMBARGO QUESTION HAS NOW BEEN MADE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS TOO GRAVE FOR TUKEY TO FULFILL." İNAN ALSO CRITICIZES ECEVİT'S FAILURE IN FOREIGN POLICY. FORMER RPP FOREIGN MINISTER TURAN GÜNEŞ IS QUOTED AS STATING THAT CONDITIONAL LIFTING WAS TOO GRAVE AND WILL CAUSE NEW PROBLEMS FOR TURKEY IN FUTURE.

4. INFLUENTIAL "MİLLİYET" COLUMNIST ABDİ İPEKÇİ NOTES THAT, ACCORDING TO US INTERPRETATION, TURKISH ACTIONS SUCH AS TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES ARE CONSIDERED WITHIN CONTEXT OF OVERALL CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS, THEREBY MAKING GREEK DELAYING TACTICS INEFFECTIVE. HE HOPES THESE INTERPRETATIONS ARE CORRECT AND NOTES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT NEXT FEW MONTHS SHOULD ANSWER THE QUESTION. "TERCUMAN'S GÜNERİ CİVAOĞLU CALLS CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY CONGRESS VERY HARSH AND CONTRADICTORY, BUT URGES CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO US TURKISH RELATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, HE CITES CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ACTION AS "COMPLETE DEFEAT" FOR RPP GOVERNMENT WHICH HAD ATTEMPTED TO DE-LINK EMBARGO AND CYPRUS ISSUES. "GÜNAYDIN" COLUMNIST TEOMAN EREL NOTES THAT US-TURKISH RELATIONS ARE AGAIN COMING TO A BOIL, PARTICULARLY ON SUBJECT OF US BASES. HE PROPOSES THAT WHEN US RAISES SUBJECT OF BASES, ECEVİT SIMPLY SMILE POLITELY AND STATE THAT "AUTHORITY RESTS WITH OUR HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT," AND LET AMERICANS TRY THEIR OWN LOBBYING. DILLON

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